

## AMONG THE TRAMPS.

A "Journal" Reporter Visits Their Shack at Midnight.

## SLUMMING WHERE IT IS DANGEROUS.

Boxcars Full of Tramps Found Eastward—One Vagrant Says He Will Beat Coxy Into Washington.

In a cozy little nook on the banks of the Shunganunga near Twelfth street, surrounded on all sides by a high bank, which makes the resort at least wind-proof, is a tramp shack. Last night at 6 o'clock there were fourteen tramps there, but sometimes there are twice as many.

This resort has been known only by those living in the immediate neighborhood, and the tramps themselves and also the police. It is reached by a winding path through the woods, up and down steep banks. Then you wade in mud until the water is reached, and jump across. That is what a JOURNAL reporter did last night. Accompanied by Night Sergeant Dagg and Officer Capron, a "round up" was made from the Santa Fe yards to a point beyond the Missouri Pacific junction. These "round ups" are of frequent occurrence to the policemen, but to those unaccustomed to such things the experience is one calculated to turn the hair of a reporter or anyone else gray in a night.

When Officer Dagg and the reporter started at about 11:30, the sergeant gave two loud raps with his billy on the pavement in each beat to attract the attention of the policemen. One policeman was looking for a tramp wearing an old derby hat and a red scarf on his face, who sold a pair of new shoes for nineteen cents. The other policemen had one or more petty cases to report to the sergeant, and by the time the two reached the Missouri Pacific yards the sergeant had descriptions of half a dozen bad men who were wanted.

Like an Indian on the Trail. Sergeant Dagg did not confine his trip to the tracks and streets. He cut across lots, dodged into alleys and followed sheep paths with the skill of an Indian. He had made the trip many times when it was so dark he couldn't see his hand before his head," he said.

When the Missouri Pacific yards were reached Sergeant Dagg was hunting Officer Capron and gave several shrill tremolo notes on his whistle.

"Blow, you—blow," yelled several voices half a block away. There were signs of revelry by night, and Sergeant Dagg, in the shadow of freight cars, made a quick run for the place, with the reporter at his heels. When he reached the place another shadowy figure was making a sprint for the same gang. It was Capron. They were half a dozen very tough looking members of the tramp fraternity there, who were only a few degrees from drunk.

"Get out of this," said Dagg. "What do you mean by making so much racket?" "Haven't you got any sense," put in Capron, "yelling around here like Comanches. I've got a good mind to run you in."

"I'll tell you how it is, boss," replied one of the tramps. "We ain't looking for any trouble. We thought you fellows

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was the station man trying to scare us."

The explanation was accepted, and the men went their way. Later in the night the same men fired a dozen shots, but did no harm.

On the Blind Passage.

When the Santa Fe passenger train slowed up for the junction, there was a very tall tramp riding on the "blind baggage." As the train came to a stop the brakeman ran up to the "blind" to drive off any tramps that might be there. On the other side of the track was a cut ten feet deep. The tramp did not know this and when he saw the bluecoat he made a dive off the other side. His coat spread out like a parachute, and the tramp instead of striking the ground as he expected, rolled heels over head to the bottom of the ditch. He said not a word, but meekly walked off brushing his clothes. Later this tramp told the reporter he was a printer from Denver on his way to Wichita. He was 6 feet 5 inches tall. "You don't need a stool when you stick type, do you?" asked Dagg. The tramp said something about "getting so he couldn't stick anything but long primer," and the two hastened away. There were about a dozen tramps loading around waiting for the 1 o'clock freight to come along.

"Right here," said Capron indicating a boxcar on a sidetrack, "I had the narrow escape of my life a few weeks ago. I was looking into the boxcars and the hobo didn't seem to mind it. When I tackled that car there I lit a match and one of the men inside there threw a big coupling pin at me. It just barely hit my ear. If it had struck my head it would have killed me. I blew my whistle and Steele came up. He got a lantern and searched the case, but Judge Ensminger let him go if he would 'get out of town.'"

The freight cars are full of "hoboes" these nights. The ordinary box car is much warmer than the ordinary person would imagine. As long as they lay there quietly however the police do not molest them. The few cars that the JOURNAL reporter looked into seemed to be swarming with tramps.

At the Tramp Shack.

When the "shack" was reached the policemen who have made the same trip many times before had some trouble in locating it, so difficult of access is it. When it was entered, however, it was found to be deserted. The fire had been allowed to go out and the officers decided that the hoboes had taken the early train out. There were no less than a dozen quiet, huddled bodies strewn about the place and a great many papers in which the kind hearted housewives have generally wrapped up a square meal.

"It is remarkable," the sergeant said, "how the tramps find this place. Tramps who have never been in this place before come here without any trouble. They leave the tracks at just the right place and follow the paths as though they had known them all their lives. I think the tramps have a map of the locality that they show to the others that are able to give the counsels."

The remainder of the "round up" was uneventful. Tramps were accosted but told their story about being on their way from Denver to the east. They agreed to get out of town on the first freight One hobo said he had bet a quart of alcohol he could beat Coxy into Washington.

There were no less than a dozen tramps applied for a place to sleep at the police headquarters last night, and they were stretched out on the floor like "dead soldiers." Those who go to the police headquarters are usually the better class of tramps; the other class, those who infest the railroad yards and "shacks" are sometimes dangerous.

### HIS HEAD BADLY CUT.

A Queer Accident to the Little Son of W. H. Stuart, Highland Park.

An accident which came near costing the 18-year-old son of W. H. Stuart, of Highland Park, his life on his way from school, occurred last evening. He stopped in the ruins of a recently burnt dwelling he had been among the debris. He was alone and out of sight to persons passing by.

Joseph Beville, the 9-year-old son of Horace Beville, manager of the Western Union telegraph office in Topeka, came along soon on his way home from the same school, and thoughtlessly picked up a two pound stone and threw it over the wall, it falling on Harry's head, cutting a hole through his hat and scalp, exposing the bone on top of the head.

The STATE JOURNAL's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

Some thing wrong when you tire too easily. Some thing wrong when the skin is not clear and smooth. Some thing wrong when you take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It recommends itself. J. K. Jones.

### SANDOW SAW TOPEKA.

The Celebrated Strong Man Goes Through in Special Car.

### GENERAL RAILROAD NEWS NOTES.

A Big Day for Shipments of Livestock. Other Railroad Items.

Topeka was seen by a celebrity this afternoon for ten minutes. Sandow, the famous Eugene, the modern Hercules, was here at 3:30 o'clock. He was in his special car on the Santa Fe California train and accompanied by his manager, is on his way to San Francisco where he will play an engagement, or rather give exhibitions of his wonderful strength that has astonished the world. Mr. Sandow is a fine looking and pleasant gentleman, slightly heavy built and about 5 feet and 10 inches in height. He is well pleased with America and American people.

GREAT STOCK BUSINESS. The Biggest Transportation Day of the Year for the Santa Fe.

Stock transportation on the Santa Fe is beginning in earnest. Today it is stated that the road did a larger stock business up to midnight last night than any day so far this year, handling 325 cars; 100 of these were handled at Kansas City alone, and at least half of them were export cattle bound for Liverpool. The Santa Fe's stock business comes from the most part from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and is of course nearly all cattle. At present there are unfiled orders in for more than 2000 empty stock cars from points along the line, and the season bids fair to be a busy one.

IT IS STILL INTACT. Dispatches Received in Topeka in Relation to the Frisco Association.

The Santa Fe seems to have taken charge of passenger affairs in San Francisco. A dispatch was received by the passenger department here from Secretary Wardell, of the San Francisco Local Passenger association, that the Frisco association had gone to pieces. A later dispatch comes, however, saying that it was intact and that Mr. McCarthy, of the Santa Fe, was in charge. Heretofore that road has not been a member of the association, and this announcement was a surprise.

A dispatch received this morning, however, confirms the second of yesterday, that the Santa Fe holds the key to the situation.

BIG COAL ORDERS. Santa Fe and Rock Island Place Large Orders at Frontenac.

Two of the largest orders given a coal company in the west were those placed by the Texas division of the Santa Fe for forty cars of coal daily, and the Rock Island five cars daily for an indefinite period with the Santa Fe shaft at Frontenac. This shaft is already getting out from sixty-five to seventy cars daily, but the late orders swell the output to such an extent that the miners there are assured work all summer.

THE HOSPITAL BOARD. It Adjourns Again Until Tomorrow Without Action.

The board of hospital trustees of the Santa Fe met at Chief Surgeon Hogeboom's office yesterday afternoon at four o'clock and adjourned until 10:30 o'clock this morning, when they again adjourned, this time until eleven o'clock tomorrow because of the absence of General Atorney Peck. Mr. Peck, who is in the country south of town, will be here again tomorrow and it is expected that some important action will be taken in regard to the new hospital building. Other business connected with the hospital department will also be discussed.

UNCLAIMED FREIGHT SALE. One Man Purchased a Lot of Almanacs of 1891.

A large crowd of buyers and spectators is present at the Santa Fe's public sale of unclaimed freight at the freight house today. The sale opened lively a short time after nine o'clock. One man, supposedly a barber, purchased a large box of 1891 almanacs for five cents, and carried off his purchase in triumph.

ALL ALONG THE LINES. Railroad News Items Interesting to Rail-roads and the Public.

T. J. Anderson of the Rock Island has returned from Chicago.

The Santa Fe is doing a particularly heavy California passenger business at present.

Fireman James Plinnie and his brother Mart both of the Santa Fe, have gone on a six week's visit in British Columbia. The National Association of Railway Surgeons will hold its seventh annual convention at Galveston, Texas, May 8th, 9th and 10th.

General Manager E. Dickinson will

soon announce a restoration of salaries on the Union Pacific. The cut was an average one of 12½ per cent and went into effect on September 1st.

O. A. Pier, chief clerk at the Rock Island office, has gone east with his father's remains which he will take to Newark, Ohio, where they will be interred in the family burying ground.

Trainmaster H. A. Tice is in Atchison this morning on business connected with the infringement of the Missouri river upon Santa Fe property there. The river at that point has long been a source of anxiety to the lines in its vicinity and is now removing chunks of the state of Missouri at the rate of 300 feet per day. A renewed effort will be made to secure governmental interference.

More than 107,500 miles of railroad have been built in the United States within the last twenty years, an average of 5,379 miles a year. Within the last ten years the average has been 5,640 a year and a total of 56,400. During the last thirty years we have built 144,830 miles of railroad, a mile of 17,853. The mileage of the world is but little more than twice that. In point of railway mileage Kansas is the third of the United States.

The Hutchinson and Southern will run an excursion from Hutchinson to Kingman and Cameron next Sunday. To Kingman on account of the consecration of a new Episcopal church there by the bishop, assisted by Rev. C. Rowland Hill of Hutchinson. To Cameron for those who desire a day's outing and would like to see the country known as the Cherokee strip since it has become dotted over with houses.

SOME NEWS NOTES OF PERSONAL AND GENERAL INTEREST.

Santa Fe coaches 330 and 57 are in the shops for repairs.

Santa Fe engine No. 794 has come in from La Junta for repairs.

Engineer Wm. Hamilton, of the Santa Fe, is leaving for a few days.

An unusual number of stock cars have been turned out of the repair yards this week.

New engines 857 and 858, go to Nickerson today, on their first trip over the Santa Fe.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will meet at its hall next Sunday afternoon.

Engine 782, which lost a wheel, is in the shops, and will be out again in a few days.

Sells & Rentfrow's advertising car No. 2 is in the Santa Fe yards for repairing and repainting.

Nearly thirty Santa Fe refrigerator cars are in the shops being put in shape for the coming season's business.

Engineer E. W. Webb, who has been off for a couple of weeks, reported for duty this morning at the Santa Fe.

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### SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The Veterans league will meet tonight at Lincoln post hall.

The Valhalla dramatic club is rehearsing for another production.

The rooms at Christ's hospital are being cleaned and calmed.

Ex-County Clerk John M. Brown brought a load of hogs to town last night.

Adams Brothers have increased the size of the Merchants' Journal, two pages.

The first part of the annual report of the state labor commissioner is in the hands of the state printer.

Mrs. Frank Hardesty, who sprained her ankle a few days ago, was taken to her home in Chanute yesterday.

Mrs. Margaret Hill McCarter goes to Baker university on Monday to read a paper before the literary society.

Tomorrow is a vacation at Washburn college, on account of the language and literature association's meeting.

Chester I. Brush, of Danberry, Conn., a former postoffice inspector, is attending United States court as a witness.

The session laws of the legislature are being sent out to the clerks of the district courts by the secretary of state.

When two blind men met on the street, one said to the other: "Hello, how do you feel?" "Out of sight," replied the other.

Tomorrow evening at the Leavenworth Soldiers home will occur a big anniversary of the Keeley institute and a camp fire.

The men who are to occupy the roughest positions with Sells & Rentfrow's show this season are lodged on the fair grounds.

Dr. Eva Harding, president of the Topeka Equal Suffrage association, is having the mass meeting call put in circular form for distribution.

Dr. C. A. Swenson, of Lindsburg, was in Topeka last evening with a colony of twenty-five Swedes who are going to settle at Las Animas, Colorado.

George R. Peck, who arrived here last evening, spent today at the Popone farm near Berryton. Mr. Peck will return to Chicago on Sunday.

The children of the public schools will give an entertainment at Hamilton hall in about three weeks for the benefit of the kindergarten association.

Edith Hayes and Genevieve Lichtenwalter young ladies from the state university, are giving concerts at small towns in this part of the state. They were at Rossville Tuesday night.

A greyhound belonging to J. W. DeWitt on College avenue has been shot by some one who has a mania for slaughtering. Over a dozen dogs in this neighborhood have been killed recently.

The Rock Island express, which was so bravely defended from train robbers a few nights ago passed through Topeka last evening. One door was blown off and several ride balls were lodged in the car.

WORKING GIRLS IN DANGER. Rush for Spring Goods Doubles the Strain 'On Tired Shop Girls—Vacations a Long Way Off—How Many Keep Well and Strong.

"O men with sisters dear,  
O men with mothers and wives,  
It's not the linen you're wearing out,  
But human creatures live."

If Thomas Hood could have looked into one of the big retail stores in any city with the endless streams of buyers and the pale faced shop girls behind the counters, he would have included women as well as men in his appeal for more humanity.

In order that some may go finely clad and have leisure, thousands of tired working girls must wear out health, good looks and strength by long, close hours in offices, behind monotonous store counters and in factories.

"Women," as Dr. Weir Mitchell says, "are by physiological nature more liable to be nervous and thin-blooded than men." It is a sad drawback in the face of the duties of life that a very little emotional disturbance, anxiety or nervous strain suffices to overcome the woman as it does not the man, and that the same excess which make him irritable make her nervous.

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"The difference between the knowledge of today," says a well-known scientist, "and that possessed before Dr. Phelps' studies of the nerves and their intimate connection with every process in the body, is enormous. Dyspepsia, for example, is now ranked as a nervous disease, and, as in the case of other nervous weakness, it is readily curable by attending closely to the nutrition of the nerve centers with Paine's celery compound. Diseases of the kidneys, heart and the liver are cured in the same radical way by providing abundant and appropriate nutrition for these parts."

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CHASE OF A BURGLAR. He Is Caught and Locked Up After Robbing a Store.

A burglar who attempted to get out of town with a dry goods and boot and shoe stock on his person last night failed as might have been expected.

The place of business of J. Barrett at 931 Kansas avenue was burglarized last night about 10 o'clock. Barrett has a small clothing and shoe store and a butcher shop also occupies the room.

One of the burglars is behind the bars and the police think they have the other members of the crowd among the tramps arrested last night. The capture of the thief was somewhat accidental as the police had received no intimation of the burglary.

About 11 o'clock last night Officer Cunningham saw a man in the vicinity of the Santa Fe yards who acted very suspiciously. The officer followed him and the man at once started on a run. Cunningham gave chase and a race among the box cars lasting for several minutes took place. The officer noticed that the man while running would throw away packages of various sizes. The officer was too much for him, however, and soon had him in his custody. They then went back over the track and picked up twelve pairs of ladies' shoes, two pairs of men's boots, three pairs of children's clothing and a complete butcher's outfit consisting of saw, steel and other objects.

The man was taken to the police station where he was booked as Chas. Patterson, 22 years of age. The charge against him was withheld and soon the report of the burglary came to the station.

The prisoner was turned over to the state this morning.

LOCAL MENTION. Dr. Peers, who has been sick for some time, is able to be around again.

John McClurg has been removed from the police station to the North Topeka hospital, as he is suffering with pneumonia.

Officer John Dagg, the only patrolman now on the police force who is left of the old Republican force, has been assigned the duty of night sergeant to take the place of Henry Steele, pending the latter's investigation.

Read the "Wants." Many of them are as interesting as news items. See if it is not so.

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